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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES  
FOR THE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION  
TC06-079  
OUR FILE 4959

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of a Petition to Intervene by MCI  
Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services. By copy of this letter I am  
serving the persons on the service list.

Very truly yours,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) TC06-079  
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES )  
FOR THE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ) **PETITION TO INTERVENE**  
ASSOCIATION )

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services ("Verizon Business") by its undersigned counsel petitions the Commission as follows:

1. MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services ("Verizon Business") is an interexchange carrier under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
2. Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) has filed with the Commission revised switched access tariff pages.
3. The questions presented by this intervention and Verizon Business's intervention in the LECA docket constitute a matter of great public interest, and a denial of this petition would be detrimental to the public interest and likely to result in a miscarriage of justice. Overstated switched access rates by LECA as a whole would constitute an undue burden upon Petitioner and Petitioner's customers, thus affecting a substantial segment of telephone traffic in the state.
4. Verizon Business is an intervenor in the 05 Switched Access docket. Verizon Business is also an interexchange carrier in Nebraska providing toll services and pays switched access rates to LECA members.
5. Individuals to receive pleadings on behalf of Verizon Business in this proceeding are as follows:

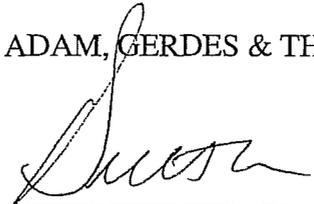
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**WHEREFORE** Verizon Business prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examine witnesses, conduct discovery, and offer evidence on its own behalf.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2006.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Brett Koenecke of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2006, he mailed by United States mail, first class postage thereon prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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